

The Voigt Family of South Carolina: Finding a Missing Father

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This essay will focus on identifying the unknown father of Catherine ‘Katie’ Wurthmann Voigt (1899-1949). Katie’s mother, Catherine Gesena ‘Sennie’ Wurthmann Voigt, was born in 1877; she was intellectually compromised (we don’t know how severely) and institutionalized in the late 1890’s near Charleston, South Carolina¹ in Clinton, Laurens County and then again near the end of life and yet gave birth to a dau in 1899, father unknown. As an inmate at such an institution she would presumably only have had outside access to family and friends.

In the 1900 U. S. Census² of the Charleston South Carolina 12th Ward Sennie and her one-year-old dau were living with her mother Catherine and her brother Dick. In the 1910 U. S. Census³ mother Catherine and dau Sennie were living with Catherine’s step-dau Anna (head of household) and Anna’s son Julius (6) and dau Katie (5) in the 7th Ward of Charleston, South Carolina. Sennie’s dau Katie is not findable in the 1910 census, presumably as she was in the Charleston Orphan House.⁴ Sennie went back to the mental institution in Clinton after her stepsister Anna remarried in 1924 and remained there until her death in 1942.

The DNA matches of Katie’s ggda Jennifer Wolfe Paddock (**JWP**) were examined. Searches for various collateral surnames in South Carolina produced an interesting result. There were 3 matches for [Schlepppegrell/South Carolina](#)—Catherine’s stepsister Anna had married Johann August Schlepppegrell (see [Cluster 1](#)). As Schlepppegrell is a collateral surname, there is no way for **JWP** to inherit this DNA except as a direct descendant of a Schlepppegrell. A survey of ages and residence locations of Schlepppegrell males in 1899 concluded that the likely father of Katie was her mother Sennie’s brother-in-law John August Schlepppegrell.

¹ Personal communication from the author **JWP**. This includes personal letters and documents about Katie’s admission to the Charleston Orphan House, records held in the Charleston County Public Library.

² 1900 U. S. Census of Charleston, South Carolina 12th Ward, Spring Street, Roll 1521, Page 7, E. D. 0114, Family 124, Catherine Voigt (head, age 50, widow, 2 of 3 children alive), Dick (son, age 24), Sennie (dau, 22), Katie (gdau, age 1); online at *Ancestry*.

³ 1910 U. S. Census of Charleston, South Carolina 7th Ward, Mary Street, Roll T624_1452, page 3, E.D. 0039. FHL Microfilm 1375465; Anna Schlepppegrell (head, widow), Katie (age 21, dau), son Julius (age 19), Katherine Voigt (age 60, widow, stepmother) and Gesena Voigt (age 33, single, stepsister), plus two boarders online at *Ancestry*.

⁴ According to family tradition (**JWP**), Katie was raised in a state institution (orphanage) until age 20 when she became a secretary for the Red Cross in Charleston. Records of the Charleston Orphan House (copy in possession of **JWP**) indicate Katie was admitted to the orphanage at age 2 years 7 months on July 20, 1901.

CLUSTER 1: Schleppegrell		single segments, no confounding surnames		
DNA	Match	cM	Descendant of	Common Ancestors
JWP	Tim Young	20	Johann (John) August Schleppegrell	John Henry Voigt/Vogt, Sr.
JWP	P. M.	10	Johann (John) August Schleppegrell	John Henry Voigt/Vogt, Sr.
JWP	xuyewklongxl2	9	Johann (John) August Schleppegrell	John Henry Voigt/Vogt, Sr.

This resolves the DNA problem of the missing father. The observation that John August was committed to a lunatic asylum abt 1900 may be evidence that his role in Katie's birth was known by the family and perhaps also the civil authorities.

We have traced the lives of all the participants in this family tragedy except for John August Schleppegrell. He is found in the 1900 Census⁵ as an inmate of the South Carolina State Hospital (lunatic asylum) in Columbia, Richland, South Carolina. This is an inpatient hospital for the mentally ill; a patient is admitted to the hospital through the criminal justice system. John August died within a year in 1901 at age 42.

A search of JWP DNA matches for [Lohmann/Germany](#) (John August Schleppegrell's mother's maiden name) produced 15 matches but these were all confounded by Kornahrens ancestor DNA (the Kornahrens married into the Wolfe line as well as the Schleppegrell line) so they do not constitute a proof of Schleppegrell linkage. However, a search of JWP DNA for [von Dohlen/Germany](#) (John August Schleppegrell's gm's maiden name) produced 5 matches. This does constitute another proof of the Schleppegrell descentance as the von Dohlen line is exclusive to the Schleppegrell lineage (see [Cluster 2](#)).

CLUSTER 2: von Dohlen		single segments, no confounding surnames		
DNA	Match	cM	Descendant of	Common Ancestors
JWP	Robert Schleppegrell	40	George Henry Schleppegrell	Common Ancestor: Christoph Julius Schleppegrell
JWP	Jeanette Westmoreland.	14	Johann Hinrich von Dohlen, b. 1812 Drangstedt, Prussia	
JWP	Alora Slakey Johnson	13	Sophia L von Dohlen, b. 1850 Prussia	
JWP	reharken	9	Johann Jobst Schleppegrell	Confounding Kornahrens
JWP	Sharon Johnson	8	Otto Henry von Dohlen, b. 1869 Hannover	

⁵ 1900 U. S. Census of Columbia, Richland, South Carolina, Roll 1540, Page 4, E. D. 0125; J. A. Schleppegree, age 41, patient; online at *Ancestry*.

There is a problem with the identification of Sennie and Anna's father John Voigt. *Ancestry* trees vary widely about the *vita* of this individual. It is clear⁶ from the written record that his birth name was Johann Heinrich Voigt (John Henry Voigt) and that he was born abt 1835 in Hannover, Prussia and died in 1879 at Charleston, South Carolina. His naturalization documents⁷ in 1871 confirm that he emigrated from Hannover, Prussia. A search of the Hannover, Prussia parish registers allowed his birth and baptism records in Apr 1833 (see **Voigt Genealogical Summary**) to be found in Melle, Hannover, Lower Saxony (Melle is now part of Westphalia since 1866). His parents were Caspar Heinrich and Cathrine Luisa Wittler Voigt. A search of **JWP** DNA matches for [Wittler/Hannover](#) gave one match (see **Cluster 3**) providing confirmation of the lineage; cf. 'Brader Family Tree' owner: Darla Brader on Ancestry Family Trees. Minden, Westphalia is very close to Melle, Hannover, which is on the border of Westphalia.

CLUSTER 3: Wittler		single segments, no confounding surnames		
DNA	Match	cM	Descendant of	Common Ancestors
JWP	Darla Brader	17	Frederick Wittler, b. 1821 of Minden, Westphalia	

⁶ John Henry Voigt is the only Voigt (Voight, Voigts, Vogt, and other spellings) in the 1860 and 1870 U. S. Censuses of South Carolina. His naturalization documents on 21 Jul 1871 in Charleston state he immigrated in 1855 from Hannover, Prussia and witnesses state he lived in Charleston from that time [Selected U. S. Naturalization Records, Original Documents 1790-1974, South Carolina, District Court (Roll 1), catalog no. 2838796]; online at *Ancestry*. His death record (note 47) in 1879 confirms his name, age at death 44y 7m and origin in Hannover. His dau Anna's obit (note 58) also confirms his name as John H. Voigt.

⁷ South Carolina, U. S., Naturalization Records, 1868-1991, 21 Jul 1871, Cat. No. 2838796, John Voigts, arrived 1855 from Hannover, age 34; online at *Ancestry*.

VOIGT GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

Generation One

1. **Johann Heinrich Voigt, Sr.** was born⁸ 18 Apr 1833 and baptized 21 Apr 1833 at Melle, Hannover, Niedersachsen, Prussia and died^{9,10} 1 Jul 1879 at Charleston, South Carolina; buried¹¹ at Bethany Cemetery in Charleston. He was the son of Caspar Heinrich and Cathrine Luise Voigt. He was a veteran of the Civil War having served in Company G of the 3rd South Carolina Cavalry.¹² He married (1) abt 1867 at Charleston, South Carolina **Mary Jane Graham** the dau of James and Ann E. Graham of Marion, Marion, South Carolina.¹³ She was born 1846 and died¹⁴ (age 27) of hepatitis 24 Jul 1873 at Charleston, South Carolina.

He married (2) 2 Aug 1887 at Charleston **Catherine Gesena Wurthmann**. She was born 27 Oct 1849 at Charleston, South Carolina and died¹⁵ 18 Mar 1920 at Charleston, South Carolina; buried¹⁶ at Bethany Cemetery in Charleston. She was the dau of Carsten J. and Gesena Margaret Fresen Wurthmann.

John Henry and Mary Jane Graham Voigt had two children.

- 2 i. **JOHN HENRY VOIGTS, JR.** was born Jun 1868 at Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina and died 16 Apr 1945 at Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina; buried¹⁷ at Bethany

⁸ Deutschland, ausgewählte evangelische Kirchenbücher 1500-1971; online at *FamilySearch*, <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QPDC-4GWC>.

⁹ South Carolina, U. S., Death Records 1821-1974, died of 'brain congestion', born at Hanover (Prussia), age 44 and 7 mos. (therefore b. 1835); online at *Ancestry*.

¹⁰ John Voigt Obit: 2 Jul 1879, United States, GenealogyBank Historical Newspaper Obituaries 1815-2013, *Charleston News and Courier*; online at *FamilySearch*, <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:Q532-2KTD>.

¹¹ Findagrave #44958427.

¹² *Ibid.*

¹³ 1860 U. S. Census of Marion, Marion, South Carolina, Family 2168, M653_1223, Roll, Page 141, FHL Film 805223, M. J. Graham age 13; and the 1870 U. S. Census of Charleston Ward 8, Charleston, South Carolina, Roll M593_1487, Page 564A, John 'Voight' age 34 and M. J. 'Voight' age 24, son John age 2 (b.1868); online at *Ancestry*.

¹⁴ South Carolina, U. S., Death Records 1821-1974; online at *Ancestry*.

¹⁵ South Carolina, U. S. Death Records 1821-1974; online at *Ancestry*.

¹⁶ Findagrave #284971262.

¹⁷ Findagrave #253997891.

Cemetery in Charleston. He married in 1897 at Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina **Harriet Elizabeth Tumbleston**.¹⁸ At least four children.¹⁹

- + 3 i. **ANNA REBECCA JOSEPHINE VOIGT** was born 23 Jan 1871 at Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina and died 27 Jul 1943 at Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina. She married (1) 16 Mar 1924 at Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina **John August Schleppegrell**.

John Henry and Catherine Gesena Wurthmann Voigt had two children.

- + 4 ii. **RICHARD JOHN 'Dick' VOIGT** alias **Dedrick John Voigt** was born 29 Jun 1875 at Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina and died 16 Nov 1940 at Charleston, South Carolina; buried at Magnolia Cemetery, Beverly, Coahoma, Mississippi. He married **Margaret Adelaide Seebeck**; she was born 1884 and died 1951.
- + 5 iii. **CATHERINE GESENA WILHELMINA 'Sennie' VOIGT** was born 23 Mar 1877 at Charleston, South Carolina and died 9 May 1942 at Clinton, Laurens, South Carolina. She was intellectually compromised; she would initially have been an inmate of the South Carolina Lunatic Asylum that became in 1920 the State Training School for the Feeble Minded and was finally renamed the Whitten Center at Clinton, Laurens, South Carolina.

Generation Two

3. Anna Rebecca Josephine 'Anna' Voigt was born 23 Jan 1871 at Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina and died²⁰ 27 Jul 1943 at Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina; buried²¹ at Bethany Cemetery in Charleston. She married²² (1) 2 Aug 1887 at Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina **John August Schleppegrell** the son of Christian Julius and Margrethe Catherine

¹⁸ 1900 U. S. Census of Charleston Ward 12, Charleston, South Carolina, Roll 1521, Page 2, John 'Voigts' and wife Hattie; online at *Ancestry*.

¹⁹ 1910 U. S. Census of Charleston Ward 12, Charleston, South Carolina, T624_1452, Page 13a. E.D. 064, FHL microfilm 1375465, John 'Voigts' and wife Hattie (both age 43) and four children; online at *Ancestry*.

²⁰ Mrs. Fred L. Thompson Obituary, *Charleston Evening Post*, Wednesday, 28 Jul 1943, p. 12; online at *Ancestry*.

²¹ Findagrave #49740913.

²² Schleppegrell/Voigt Marriage: Charleston, South Carolina, U. S. Marriage Records 1877-1887, online at *Ancestry*.

Kornahrens Schleppegrell. He was born 13 May 1859 at Bederkesa, Hannover, Niedersachsen, Germany²³ and died 1901 at Columbia, Richland, South Carolina. She married²⁴ (2) 16 May 1924 at Charleston, South Carolina **Fred L. Thompson**.

Johann August and Anna Voigt Schleppegrell had five children.

- 6 i. **MARY CATHERINE 'Katie' SCHLEPPEGRELL** was born 1 Jan 1889 at South Carolina and died²⁵ 28 Jul 1965 at Greenville, Pitt, North Carolina. She married **Ernest L. Willard**.
- 7 ii. **JOHN AUGUST CHRISTIAN JULIUS 'Julius' SCHLEPPEGRELL** was born 21 Oct 1891 at Charleston, South Carolina and died²⁶ 26 May 1928 at Charleston, South Carolina; buried²⁷ at Bethany Cemetery, Charleston. He married abt 1916 **Phoebe Knox Hernandez**. Six children.



Anna and Fred Thompson abt 1924

- 8 iii. **BERTHA WILHELMINA SCHLEPPEGRELL** was born²⁸ 20 Nov 1895 at Charleston, South Carolina and died 8 Jan 1976 at Walterboro, Colleton, South Carolina; buried²⁹ at Bethany Cemetery, Charleston. She married 15 Nov 1914 at Charleston, South Carolina **William Kenneth Powers**; he was born 1892 and died 1956. Three children.
- 9 iv. **WILLIAM JOSEPH SCHLEPPEGRELL** was born 1897 at South Carolina and died 1899 at Charleston, South Carolina.
- 10 v. **WILLIAM FREDERICK SCHLEPPEGRELL** was born 24 Jun 1898 at Charleston, South Carolina and died³⁰ 17 Dec 1983 at Charleston, South Carolina; buried³¹ at Bethany

²³ *Ibid.*

²⁴ Thompson/Schleppegrell Marriage: Charleston County, South Carolina, U. S. Marriage Records 1900-2024, online at *Ancestry*.

²⁵ North Carolina, U. S. Death Certificates, 1909-1976, online at *Ancestry*.

²⁶ John A. Schleppegrell, South Carolina, U. S. Death Records 1821-1974, online at *Ancestry*.

²⁷ Findagrave #43989747.

²⁸ South Carolina, U. S. Delayed Birth Records, 1766-1900 and City of Charleston, South Carolina Birth Records 1877-1901; online at *Ancestry*.

²⁹ Findagrave #253995575.

³⁰ William F. Schleppegrell Obituary, *Charleston Evening Post*, Monday, 19 Dec 1983; online at *Ancestry*.

³¹ Findagrave #111039803.

Cemetery, Charleston. He married **Fannie Adams**; she was born 1899 and died 1985; buried³² at Bethany Cemetery in Charleston

4. **Richard John 'Dick' Voigt** alias **Dedrick John Voigt**³³ was born 29 Jun 1875 at Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina and died 16 Nov 1940 at Charleston, South Carolina; buried³⁴ at Magnolia Cemetery, Beverly, Coahoma, Mississippi. He was a school music director. He married **Margaret Adelaide Seebeck**; she was born 1884 and died 1951.

Dick and Margaret Seebeck Voigt had two sons.³⁵

11 i. **LAWRENCE ALLEN VOIGT** was born 30 Dec 1906 at Charleston, South Carolina and died 18 Apr 1975 at Alabama. He married 5 Dec 1964 at Montgomery, Jefferson, Alabama **Rhoda Jeanne Blackburn**. She was born 28 Jul 1921 and died 8 Oct 2011 at Birmingham, Jefferson Alabama.³⁶

12 ii. **RICHARD J. VOIGT** was born 7 Dec 1910 at Charleston, South Carolina and died 28 Feb 1965 at Charleston, South Carolina. He married 1938 **Frances Caroline Waring**.³⁷ She was born 1915 and died 1991.

5. **Catherine Gesena Wilhelmina 'Sennie' Voigt** was born 23 Mar 1877 at Charleston, South Carolina and died³⁸ 9 May 1942 at Jackson, Laurens, South Carolina. She was the dau of John Peter Voigt, Sr. and Catherine Gesena Wurthmann. She was institutionalized for most of her life (1890's and 1930-1942) and never married. She had a dau with Johann August Schleppegrell.

Johann August Schleppegrell and Sennie Voigt had a dau.

+ 13 i. **CATHERINE 'KATIE' WURTHMANN VOIGT** was born 14 Dec 1899 at South Carolina and died 13 Jul 1949 at Charleston, South Carolina.

Generation Three

³² Findagrave #253995283.

³³ U. S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918, b. 29 Jun 1875, Relative: Margaret A. Voigt; online at *Ancestry*.

³⁴ Findagrave #86874915.

³⁵ Findagrave #86874915.

³⁶ FamilySearch Family Tree and sources therein.

³⁷ Findagrave #59762134

³⁸ South Carolina, U. S., Death Records 1821-1974.

13. Catherine 'Katie' Wurthmann Voigt was born 14 Dec 1899 at South Carolina³⁹ and died 13 Jul 1949 at South Carolina; buried⁴⁰ at Bethany Cemetery in Charleston. She was the illegitimate dau of 'Sennie' Catherine Gesena Wilhelmina Voigt and John August Schleppegrell, her brother-in-law.⁴¹ She married 22 Dec 1921 at Charleston⁴² **Leon Kornahrens Wolfe**; he was born 1894 and died 1974. They had four children.

SCHLEPPEGRELL GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

Generation One

1. Christoph Julius Schleppegrell was born 17 Sep 1789 at Loxstedt, Geestemunde, Hannover, Prussia, Germany and died 24 Jul 1829 at Hannover, Prussia, Germany. He was the son of Karsten von Schleppegrell and Anna Margarete Konigs. He married⁴³ 1 Jul 1814 at Debstedt u Dorum, Lehe, Hanover, Prussia **Anna von Dohlen**; she was born 3 Feb 1792 at Sievern, Lehe, Hannover, Prussia and died after 1826.

Christoph and Anna von Dohlen Schleppegrell had five children.^{44,45}

2 i. ANNA MARGARETHA SCHLEPPEGRELL was born 29 Oct 1813 and christened⁴⁶ 3 Nov 1814 at Loxstedt, Geestemunde, Hannover, Prussia. She married 18 Jun 1841 at Debstedt, Lehe, Hannover, Prussia **Johann Bohlen**.

³⁹ 1900 U. S. Census of Charleston, South Carolina 12th Ward, Spring Street, Roll 1521, Page 7, E. D. 0114, Family 124, Catherine Voigt (head, age 50, widow, 2 of 3 children alive), Dick (son, age 24), Sennie (dau, 22), Katie (gdau, age 1); online at *Ancestry*.

⁴⁰ Findagrave #31567962.

⁴¹ 'Sennie' was institutionalized for much of her life in South Carolina and was impregnated while institutionalized in 1898 and had a dau; personal communication from the author (**JWP**). DNA evidence has shown the father of the child to be **John August Schleppegrell**.

⁴² 1920 U. S. Census of Charleston Ward 2, Charleston, South Carolina; online at *Ancestry*.

⁴³ 'Schegegrel'/'Loscher marriage: Debstedt, Religious Death Records; online at *FamilySearch* <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QPXT-MWV4>.

⁴⁴ 1850 U. S. Census of St. Michael and St. Phillip, Charleston, South Carolina, Roll 350, Page 359a, Carson 'Wortman' (age 30), wife 'Gazena Wortman' (age 23), two children: 'Gadena' (age 3) and 'Margaret' (age 1); online at *Ancestry*.

⁴⁵ 1860 U. S. Census of Charleston, Ward 8, Charleston, South Carolina, Roll M653_1216, Page 498, FHL Film 805216, 'Genia Woodman' (age 31), two children: Catherine Woodman (age 10) and 'Claus Woodman' (age 3); online at *Ancestry*.

⁴⁶ Deutschland, ausgewählte evangelische Kirchenbücher 1500-1971; online at *FamilySearch* <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QPXY-NBMJ>.

3 ii. **LUER SCHLEPPEGRELL** was born and christened⁴⁷ 1817 at Debstedt, Lehe, Hannover, Prussia.

4 iii. **JOHANN JOBST SCHLEPPEGRELL** was born 13 Mar 1820 and christened⁴⁸ 16 Mar 1820 at Dorum, Lehe, Hannover, Prussia; he died 20 Mar 1901 at Sievern, Lower Saxony, Prussia. He married **Katharina Sophia Roker**.

5 iv. **CHRISTOPHER JULIUS SCHLEPPEGRELL** was born⁴⁹ 10 Nov 1822 and died⁵⁰ 3 Feb 1825 at Dorum, Lehe, Hannover, Prussia.

+ 6 v. **CHRISTIAN JULIUS SCHLEPPEGRELL** was born 13 Mar 1826 and christened 15 Mar 1826 at Debstedt, Lehe, Hannover, Prussia. He died 20 Mar 1901 at Charleston, South Carolina. He married **Margrethe Catherine Kornahrens**.

Generation 2

6. **Christian Julius Schleppegrell** was born 13 Mar 1826 and christened⁵¹ 15 Mar 1826 at Debstedt, Lehe, Hannover, Prussia. and died⁵² 20 Jul 1891 (age 65) at Charleston, South Carolina; buried⁵³ at Bethany Cemetery in Charleston. He married 8 Oct 1850 at Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina **Margarethe Catherine Kornahrens** dau of George Henry (Gerd Hinrich) and Anna Catharina Lohmann. She was born 3 Mar 1826 at Drangstedt, Elmlohe, Lehe, Hannover, Prussia and died 1 Jan 1931 at Charleston, South Carolina.⁵⁴



Christian Julius and Margarethe Schleppegrell

⁴⁷ Deutschland, ausgewählte evangelische Kirchenbücher 1500-1971; online at *FamilySearch* <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QPXT-9KG6>.

⁴⁸ Deutschland, ausgewählte evangelische Kirchenbücher 1500-1971; online at *FamilySearch* <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QPXT-9KG6>.

⁴⁹ Deutschland, ausgewählte evangelische Kirchenbücher 1500-1971; online at *FamilySearch* <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QPXT-SVGX>.

⁵⁰ Deutschland, ausgewählte evangelische Kirchenbücher 1500-1971; online at *FamilySearch* <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QPXT-QBH5>.

⁵¹ Deutschland, ausgewählte evangelische Kirchenbücher 1500-1971; online at *FamilySearch* <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QPXT-9KG6>.

⁵² South Carolina, U. S. Death Records 1821-1974; online at *Ancestry*.

⁵³ Findagrave #43989129.

⁵⁴ Ancestry Family Trees, 'Young Family Tree', owner: Tim Young; online at *Ancestry*.

Christian and Margarethe Schleppegrell had six children.^{55,56}

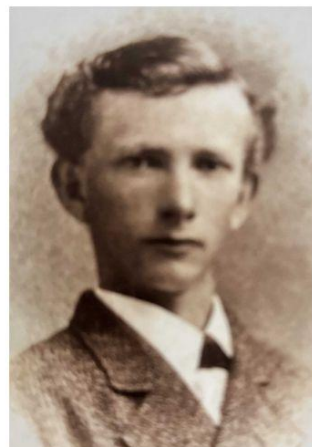
7 i. **HENRIETTE JULIANE SCHLEPPEGRELL** was born⁵⁷ 31 Jul 1855 and died 1 Sep 1855 at Sievern, Debstedt, Lehe, Hannover, Prussia.

8 ii. **CHRISTIAN JULIUS SCHLEPPEGRELL** was born 30 Jul 1856 Sievern, Lehe, Hannover, Prussia. He married⁵⁸ 27 Sep 1890 at Oldenburg, Lower Saxony, Germany **Immine Marie 'Lucinda' Schrimper** dau of Jacobus Gerhard and Regine Johanne Marie Anna Schrimper. She was born 1 Jun 1866 at Oldenburg, Germany.

9 iii. **Dr. GEORGE HENRY SCHLEPPEGRELL** was born abt 1857 at Debstedt, Lehe, Hannover, Prussia. He married⁵⁹ 8 Sep 1903 at New Orleans, Louisiana **Louse Lillian Wuertz**; she was born abt 1880.

10 iv. **JOHN AUGUST SCHLEPPEGRELL** was born and christened⁶⁰ 13 May 1859 at Bederkesa, Hannover, Prussia and died 1901 at Richland County, South Carolina.⁶¹ He married⁶² 2 Aug 1887 at Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina **Anna Rebecca Josephine 'Anna' Voigt**.

11 v. **WILHEMINE SCHLEPPEGRELL** was born 20 Sep 1860 at Bederkesa, Hannover, Prussia and died 9 Aug 1928 at New Orleans, Louisiana.



John August Schleppegrell

⁵⁵ 1870 U. S. Census of Charleston Ward 8, Charleston, South Carolina, Roll M593_1487, Page 574A, E. D. 075, Dwelling no. 267, S. Schlepegwell, (age 43), Marget Schlepegwell (age 43), E. J. (age 14), George H. (age 12), John (age 11), P. N. (age 10), Anna (age 7); online at *Ancestry*.

⁵⁶ 1880 U. S. Census of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina, Roll 1222, Page 287d, E. D. 075, Dwelling no. 267, C. m. Schlepegrell (Head, age 54), Margaret C. Schlepegrell (age 54), John A. (son, age 21), Fred K. n. Schlepegrell (son, age 19), Wilhemina (dau, age 17); online at *Ancestry*.

⁵⁷ FamilySearch Family Tree and sources cited therein.

⁵⁸ Schlepegrell/Schrimper marriage: Oldenburg, Germany Marriage Records 1876-1930, Oldenburg Stadt; online at *Ancestry*.

⁵⁹ Schleppegrell/Wuertz marriage: Louisiana, Parish Marriages 1787-1958; online at *FamilySearch*, <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:Q29S-B7RQ>.

⁶⁰ Deutschland, ausgewählte evangelische Kirchenbücher 1500-1971; online at *FamilySearch* <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QPXT-9KG6>.

⁶¹ Cf. *Ancestry Family Trees*, 'Young Family Tree', owner: Tim Young—no source; online at *Ancestry*. No death records could be found.

⁶² Schleppegrell/Voigt Marriage: Charleston, South Carolina, U. S. Marriage Records 1877-1887, online at *Ancestry*.

12 vi. **Dr. FREDERICK WILLIAM SCHLEPPGREGG** was born⁶³ abt 1861 and died⁶⁴ 9 Aug 1928 at New Orleans, Louisiana. He married **Dr. Jessie A Gambati**; she died before 1928.

WURTHMANN GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

Generation 1

1. **Carsten Wurthmann** was born 1821 probably in Deichshausen,⁶⁵ Oldenburg, Lower Saxony, Germany (east of Bremen) and died 14 Jun 1858 at Charleston, South Carolina; buried⁶⁶ at Bethany Cemetery in Charleston. He married '**Gessina**' **Margaret Fresen**; she was born 1827 at Germany and died 24 Nov 1864; buried⁶⁷ at Bethany Cemetery in Charleston.

Carsten and 'Gessina' Fresen Wurthmann had five children.^{68,69}

2 i. **GESSINA MARGARET WURTHMANN** was born 13 Sep 1845 at Charleston, South Carolina and died 17 Dec 1890 at Charleston, South Carolina; buried⁷⁰ at Bethany Cemetery in Charleston. She married **Carsten Lilienthal**; five children.

+ 3 ii. **CATHERINE GESENA WURTHMANN** was born 27 Oct 1849 at Charleston, South Carolina and died 18 Mar 1920 at Charleston, South Carolina; buried at Bethany Cemetery in Charleston. She married 2 Aug 1887 at Charleston **John H. Voigt**; two children.

4 iii. **ANNA MARGARET 'Annie' WURTHMANN** was born 23 Jan 1852(1849?) and died⁷¹ 24 Jan 1932; buried⁷² at Bethany Cemetery, Charleston, South Carolina.⁷³ Never married.

⁶³ FamilySearch Family Tree and sources cited therein.

⁶⁴ Louisiana, Orleans, Death Records and Certificates 1835-1954; online at *FamilySearch*, <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:ZNPB-G4MM>.

⁶⁵ FamilySearch Family Tree, no source.

⁶⁶ Findagrave #34207579.

⁶⁷ Findagrave #260314679.

⁶⁸ 1850 U. S. Census of St. Michael and St. Phillip, Charleston, South Carolina, Roll 350, Page 359a, Carson 'Wortman' (age 30), wife 'Gazena Wortman' (age 23), two children: 'Gadena' (age 3) and 'Margaret' (age 1); online at *Ancestry*.

⁶⁹ 1860 U. S. Census of Charleston, Ward 8, Charleston, South Carolina, Roll M653_1216, Page 498, FHL Film 805216, 'Genia Woodman' (age 31), two children: Catherine Woodman (age 10) and 'Claus Woodman' (age 3); online at *Ancestry*.

⁷⁰ Findagrave #260357336.

⁷¹ South Carolina, U. S. Death Records, 1821-1974, the informant was Dick Voigt; online at *Ancestry*.

⁷² Findagrave #231704350.

⁷³ This child, Anna Margaret Wurthmann, was reportedly born 6 months before Anna Catharina, but was age 1 in the 1850 census (her birthyear was probably 1849).

5 iv. **ANNA CATHARINA 'Annie' WURTHMANN** was born 7 Jun 1852 and died⁷⁴ 18 Dec 1856 (age 4); buried⁷⁵ at Hampstedt Cemetery, Charleston, South Carolina.

6 v. **DIEDRICH H. C. 'Claus' WURTHMANN** was born 20 Feb 1857 at Charleston, South Carolina and died 30 Apr 1890; buried⁷⁶ at Magnolia Cemetery, Charleston County, South Carolina. He married **Susan Flathmann**; six children.

Generation 2

3. **Catherine Gesena Wurthmann** was born 27 Oct 1849 at Charleston, South Carolina and died⁷⁷ 18 Mar 1920 at Charleston, South Carolina; buried⁷⁸ at Bethany Cemetery in Charleston. In the 1870 U. S. Census of Charleston Ward 8 she was a servant in the Wilden household.⁷⁹ She married 2 Aug 1887 at Charleston **John H. Voigt**; two children.
(see Voigt summary, 4 and 5).

⁷⁴ Marriages and Deaths 1845-1900, St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Charleston, South Carolina, Anna Catharina Wurthmann, died of scarlet fever, parents Carsten and Gessina Margaret geboren (born) Fresen Wurthmann; online at *FamilySearch*, [https://lcdl.library.cofc.edu/lcdl/catalog/270506?tify={%22pages%22:\[158\],%22panX%22:0.523,%22panY%22:0.871,%22view%22:%22help%22,%22zoom%22:0.932}](https://lcdl.library.cofc.edu/lcdl/catalog/270506?tify={%22pages%22:[158],%22panX%22:0.523,%22panY%22:0.871,%22view%22:%22help%22,%22zoom%22:0.932}).

⁷⁵ Findagrave #34207482.

⁷⁶ Findagrave #213116220.

⁷⁷ South Carolina, U. S. Death Records 1821-1974; online at *Ancestry*.

⁷⁸ Findagrave #284971262.

⁷⁹ 1870 U. S. Census of Charleston, Ward 8, Charleston, South Carolina, Roll M593_1487, Page 593B, 'Kate Werthman' (age 21); online at *Ancestry*.